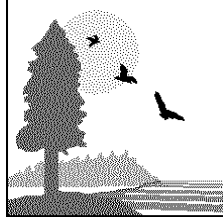


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Dear Shipping Agent:

Re: Marine Invasive Species Control Fund - New \$400 Rate Effective September 1, 2005

On June 20, 2005, the California State Lands Commission approved regulations that in part lowered the fee amount from \$500 to \$400 per qualifying voyage for the State's Marine Invasive Species Act (Public Resources Code Sections 71200 through 71215). The Board of Equalization will collect the lower fee on all qualifying vessels that enter California ports or places on or after September 1, 2005. The fee will continue to be deposited into the Marine Invasive Species Control Fund to fund the state's Marine Invasive Species programs.

If you have questions, please contact me at the number listed above, or refer to the Commission's web page at "<http://www.slc.ca.gov>".

Sincerely,

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